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VOICE FROM
HEAVEN"



MATT. 28:19.

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MARK 16:15

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GOD'S LOVE

THANKSGIVING ISSUE

THE
PILLAR

THE
TRUTH

Praise God
from Whom
all Blessings
- Flow -

THANKSGIVING

"Not unto us ascribe the praise,
But to our God our hearts we
raise
In thankfulness, that He can
bless
His people with His right-
eousness,
Use them to tell in every land
The saving power of His
right hand!"

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

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"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts
with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name," Psalm
100:4.

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D. H. DELK

Abiding in Christ

Golden text for Lesson Seven, "Abide in me, and I in you," John 15:4.

To abide means to stay with or in a given place or relation; to endure; be present; remain.

These days are full of perils; Satan has a new supply of wedges, and his great desire is to SEVER you from Christ. "Neither give place to the devil." (Syriac, "no place") Giving place (just a little place) to the devil is telling him, "Here is a place to start your wedge," and woe, woe to you then.

Hitler uses much strategy; he depends greatly on the spearhead wedges, his army's drive.

Give the devil an inch and he will take a foot.

A fable says a camel asked a man in a very small house to just let him put his nose inside out of the cold weather. The man agreed, then the camel wanted to put his head inside. After this was permitted, he wanted to put his neck in, then he forced his way on in. The man said, "There is not room here for both of us, you will have to leave." But the camel said, "I am going to stay; you can go if you wish."

GIVE THE DEVIL NO SPACE IF YOU WANT TO ABIDE IN CHRIST: IN SAFETY. "Little strokes fell great oaks." "A little mischief is too much."

A little wedge of two words—"Surely not"—severed Adam and Eve from paradise. What about preachers who think they can wedge in quite a bit of their time on the defense program and get hold of a little more filthy lucre? Oh, no, it's none of my business, but Achan's wedge didn't bring any victory. Achan's deed put many hearts to ACHING.

Prosperity is a dangerous wedge. A note was found on a pulpit stand saying, "Prayer is requested for a man who is growing rich." "The love of money is the root (a rift for Satan's wedge) of all evil."

The devil tried his wedge on Christ (the second Adam), Luke 4:11, "lest at any time," but the prince of this world had no place, time, or space for him. Read

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YOUR EVANGELISTIC PLEDGE THIS WEEK

State	Laymen	Ministers	Total
Alabama	988	72	1060
Arkansas	133	18	151
Arizona	31	2	33
Nebraska	5		5
California	2	9	11
Colorado	1	3	4
New Mexico	35	16	51
New Jersey	14	5	19
Maryland	115	12	127
Dist. of Columbia	16		16
Florida	5	45	50
Georgia	925	80	1005
Washington	9	2	11
Illinois	512	36	548
Indiana	36	8	44
Iowa	51	12	63
Idaho	6	2	8
Kansas	26	4	30
Kentucky	367	46	413
Louisiana	442	32	474
Maine	13	7	20
Michigan	38	15	53
Mississippi	166	46	212
Missouri	96	17	113
Minnesota	4	2	6
Montana	1	1	2
North Carolina	408	40	448
North Dakota	23	3	26
South Dakota	21	2	23
Ohio	488	16	504
Pennsylvania	138	17	155
South Carolina	488	102	590
Oklahoma	75	8	83
Tennessee	447	34	481
Texas	245	77	322
Virginia	497	37	534
West Virginia	805	43	848
Delaware		1	1
Wisconsin	3		3
Wyoming		1	1
Foreign countries:			
Mexico		3	3
Jamaica		3	3
Canada		1	1
Bahamas		1	1
TOTAL	7,675	881	8,556

Again, we are happy to bring to you

NOTICES

Mississippi Ministerial School

The southern Mississippi ministers' school will convene Nov. 17-19, beginning Monday evening and closing Wednesday evening.

The northern Mississippi ministers' school will convene Nov. 20-22, beginning Thursday evening and closing Saturday evening. One of the General Officials will be present.—Clyde C. Cox, overseer of Mississippi.

Changes of address of ministers and workers:

Rev. W. Carl Milligan, Michigan state mission treasurer—2561 Drexel Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Margaret Jacobs, evangelist—404 Pine St., Rome, Ga.

Elmer Thomas—Vanceburg, Ky.

CORRECTION: In the Oct. 25 issue of the Evangel, page 12, in the report from Comfort, W. Va., we stated that the writer held a six months' revival at Artie, W. Va., whereas it should have been a six nights' revival.

To the Y. P. E's and Sunday schools of Indiana: My address for the Assembly year is Linton, Ind. Make your reports to me at the above address on the first Monday following the last Sunday of each month.—Ivan R. Stone, Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent of Indiana.

the number of pledges that we have received from the various states. It is interesting to watch the numbers climb, and we trust that many more of you precious people will join us in this great pledge of prayer for the salvation of lost men and women throughout the world.—J. H. Walker.

Congratulations

I have noticed the rapid pace the Evangel is setting. It speaks well for state overseers, pastors, and laity. May God's richest blessings rest upon every worker.

Guess Who!

Last week's picture:
M. P. CROSS,
Overseer of South Carolina



A Thanksgiving Message

Text: Psalms 50:14.

THE greatest book in all the world—Bible—is a book filled with thanksgiving. Citations can be given from Genesis through Revelation, falling from the lips of thousands of saints of God through the various ages. In Genesis 35:1, we read, "Make thou an altar unto God that appeared unto thee when thou fledst from the face of Esau, so that praise and thanksgiving may be given unto God."

In Exodus 13:3 we find the words, "Remember this day in which we came out from Egypt." There a day was set to commemorate thanksgiving unto God for the deliverance from the hands of their enemies. Moses, the great law-giver, in his farewell address: "Remember the days of old. Consider the years of many generations, ask thy father, and he will show thee, thy elders, and they will tell thee." Then listen to the sweet singer of Israel as he says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Remember the words of the Apostle Paul, how he said "in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Again, Paul says, "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." To Timothy he wrote, "I exhort, thee, therefore that giving of thanks be made for all men." When we think of this blessed, great, and marvelous book, the greatest ever published, we can feel the heavenly zephyr breezes which fill its pages with praise and adoration to God. A glorious example is found in the 150th Psalm. Then think of our Savior on that last night in the upper room, as "He took the cup and gave thanks."

In Paul's letter to the Philippians we are exhorted to "rejoice in the Lord, and again, I say rejoice." It is our duty to rejoice and give thanks. We are doubly commanded to have a calm, settled gladness in our souls that makes us praise the Lord. All these precious citations of scripture were known to our early fathers, who sought a country where they might worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

It is hard for us today in this modern streamlined age to think of how things were in the early colonies. It is rather straining on our imagination. Too many of us think that everything about us is as it has always been, but a glance at the pages of history tells a different story. What if some great giant hand had wiped out from our midst all the highways and all the modern means of transportation, all the radios, and the modern

"Offer Unto God Thanks"

By J. H. WALKER, General Overseer



conveniences of the home, take away all our cities and place us back on the shores of an undeveloped country, laden with virgin timbers and forests filled with wild animals in their native haunts with an occasional group of red-skinned men slipping from tree to tree. This would bring us back to what our forefathers faced when they came over on the Mayflower after that strenuous voyage through storm, fogs, icebergs, sickness, and other perils of different kinds. But



Come Home Thanksgiving

Are you comin' home Thanksgiving?
Your mother wants to know.
She says the soft snow's fallen
Where the cornfield used to grow.

And the rabbits in the orchard
Have a way of hidin' round,
You'd think they'd had camp meetin'
From the tracks upon the ground.

The turkey's growin' fatter
And fatter every day;
I know he thinks Thanksgiving's
Not very far away.

Now, children, there'll be plenty
For every one and all,
I've been thinkin' of your comin'
Since early in the fall.

And if you'd treat us old folks
In a proper kind of way,
Just send to us a postcard, sayin':
"Be home Thanksgiving Day!"

—Katherine M. Cleaver, in Evangelical.

Doesn't this make you want to spend
Thanksgiving at home with mother?



before landing, they met together and signed the justly famous compact:

"We whose names are underwritten . . . solemnly and mutually in ye presence of God and of one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politick, for our better ordering and preservation and by virtue hereof to enact such just and equall laws . . . as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of ye colonie into which we promise all due submission and obedience."

Notice that they recognized God. Some of the men nearly froze to death

trying to land from the Mayflower and suffered many, many perils erecting their crude houses, built of logs in such queer shapes, in order to provide protection against the hostile Indians.

It always thrills me to think of the bravery of our forefathers. During that first long dreary winter, when they were forced to hide the graves of so many loved ones so that the Indians would not know how greatly their number had been diminished, they hoped for a better day. Then when the little crops were gathered the next fall, in 1621, Governor Bradford decreed a day of thanksgiving, and all the colonists met and gave thanks to God in the face of all their distressful, heartbreaking times. They took time to pray and thank God for His wonderful hand of deliverance. In 1530 John Winthrop, governor of Massachusetts Bay colony, recorded in his diary, "Thursday we kept a day of thanksgiving in all the plantations."

A visit to some of the old dirt-floored kitchens of those earlier days, which were separate and a good distance from the main buildings, a glance at the cooking utensils, a peep into the showcases in museums at the wearing apparel convince one that times have changed somewhat.

But, we thank God for America, ir- regardless of some its shortcomings. Over our heads this morning waves Old Glory, the stars and stripes which are our emblem of freedom. There is something significant in the colors—that bright, brilliant red representing the blood of suffering, sacrificing, deserving men. To us it reaches farther, recognizing the great purchase price of our redemption, the blood of Christ. The blue symbolizes virtue, integrity, and honesty, emblematic of the azure of the skies, God's heaven that overshadows us. The white, which is not reckoned as a color, yet contains the blending of all colors, all the colors of the light, which we like to think of described by the writer of the Apocrypha that the saints will be robed in, those beautiful white flowing robes which are known as the righteousness of the saints.

America, we love you today. While you have changed greatly in many ways since the earlier days of your colony life, when people met together and had

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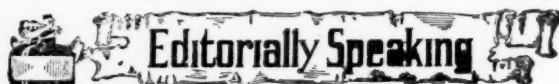
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THANKSGIVING DAY

ANOTHER year has rolled around and we are about to come to another Thanksgiving Day, and this day always reminds us of the Pilgrim fathers and their setting aside a special day of thanksgiving for the providence of God through a year of trials and hardships. The history with which this day is connected, on down through the years, is not so much of interest, but the day itself is interesting because, of all the festivals of the year, it is the one on which God is recognized officially and nationally. Proclamations from the President on down are always in order and people gather together and feast in honor of the God who has preserved them and kept them through another year.

Thanksgiving Day is a family day, a time of reunion, when the married boys and girls come back home, and the father and mother spread a feast of turkey, chicken, baked ham, pumpkin pies, and whatever it is thought will make the children feel again at home, and be thankful and happy that they are thus reunited. These family days should be real days of thanksgiving, for while here in America such days can still be held, with the exception of some attendants who have gone away to the Army, which will break into some family arrangements, for the most part there may still be such assemblies. America still has homes and Thanksgiving Day may be observed in recognition of home, our nation, and our God.

There is one thing which is a real poison to thanksgiving. Selfish indulgence has never been known to bring joy. It is only through service to others that we may really be thankful for that which God really is to us. Those who live to serve and bless others may really be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving Day. Selfish indulgence presents one road that we may take, while unselfish service shows the other. Those who are blessed take the highest road. The more one can do to help and bless others, the more joy will well up within that individual heart, and such a joy always promotes a spirit which is expressed only in thanksgiving and praise to God for His goodness and blessings to us.

THANKS OR TANKS

IN the current issue of the Moody Monthly magazine there is a cartoon with a picture of Uncle Sam sitting down to a well-filled table—a big turkey, plenty of fruit, and plenty of drinks. Beneath the cartoon are these words: "When thou hast eaten and art full . . . beware that thou forget not the Lord." See Deut. 8:7-20. In the upper part of the cartoon appear these words: "Which shall it be?" Then the word THANKS is spelled out with the "H" raised higher than the other letters and a check under the "H". The significance is, "Which shall it be, more THANKS or more TANKS?"

Our country knows something about preparation for national defense, and it is true that at the present time all of our resources are taxed in the production of war materials, and yet God has so gloriously poured out His blessings upon us that we have been spared the calamities that have befallen poor war-torn Europe. The clash of steel, tank against tank, the roar of the cannons, the spatter of the machine guns, the purr of the bombers, have thrown the countries of the Orient into such consternation until there will be no time for family groups to get together at any given or set date. The time of thanksgiving is looked forward to as some future date, when victory will finally have been won and the boys come home. But let us repeat, tanks have not come against us and that is something to be thankful for. One may walk the streets of any town or city or even in the rural districts most any hour of the day and hear a sermon or some religious service, which sets this country apart as still having some remembrance of God and some conditions under which men and women are still thankful and able to express their thanksgiving in song, testimony, and sermon.

A thankfulness for such conditions can not be offered too often and can not be made more sincere than it should. Let us, in consideration of God's wonderful blessings, exclaim with the song poet of old, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

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FORGOTTEN BENEFITS

IN the songs of the sweet singer of Israel, the statement was often made with relation to our praise life to God, "Forget not all his benefits."

It is not hard to get man to be thankful and to express his thankfulness for the great things—suddenly falling heir to several thousand dollars, or to a great estate; the discovery of an oil well on one's property, or the discovery of gold, something that will prove one's financial or social status; but the Psalmist David stressed the word "all."

The story is told of a godly old lady who once said in a prayer meeting, that she was very thankful for matches. She was old enough that she could remember a time when such things were lacking. The statement of this old lady brings to our mind a long list of forgotten benefits, such as glass windows, inexpensive letter postage, the telegraph, the telephone, and a great many other things which are comparatively new and yet have become old in commonplace. These are apt to become unnoticed as real blessings to our lives. Then we should not forget the words of the Apostle Paul, "In everything give thanks."

A business man once said that he was thankful that he had "a mind to work." There is not a better endowment, and if

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Thanksgiving

Not Worry or Complaining

By R. P. JOHNSON, First Assistant General Overseer

WE must not complain or murmur over the sacrifices we may have to make or the suffering which may come our way; and even if they should become severe, we should make our adversities witness to our testimony of divine love



and of the fact that His grace is sufficient for us. This world's conflict will be considered in the future in a multitude of ways. Records of events will be carefully collected and preserved by those who are interested in writing history. Battles will be debated by military experts. Financiers will calculate the cost in dollars and cents. But we ordinary Christian Americans will remember the years while we are at the right hand of the Most High, and through these years we will then be able to trace His guiding hand.

Ordinary folks like us Americans have great cause for thankfulness, for as a nation we have been especially fortunate during this upheaval. Nations have been dissolved, peoples have been scattered, towns and cities have been reduced to heaps of ruins, destruction has wasted for more than two years; but as yet we are safe. We have remained practically unharmed so far, while upon some just as worthy people as we are the shadow of destruction has fallen. To the present time, the burden has been very light upon the majority of us ordinary Americans, and we should attribute our good fortune to the gracious dealings of our Maker AND BE THANKFUL. We must never forget that we have been, and are still, the recipients of His richest favors. The spirit of praise and thanksgiving should clothe our souls as a garment as we acknowledge the kind mercies of the ETERNAL ONE in the marching events of our time.

We are convinced that ordinary people like us can't stop for the eclipse of the sun or the world's present destructive war, but we have duties to fulfill. In the early history of the United States there was an eclipse of the sun and nearly everybody went to pieces, thinking that the end of the world had come. The

Connecticut Legislature was in session. Some member of that body in jittery excitement arose to his feet and shouted, "It is the end of the world, and I move adjournment, that we may have a little time to make ready for the final hour." Another member arose and said solemnly, "It probably is the end of the world; but it is our offer, as a substitute motion, that the janitor arrange his candles so that we may finish this piece of legislation before the end does come."

He had the right conception of duty.

Thanksgiving

Thank God for all His loving gifts:
That with His gentle hand He lifts
Burdens from hearts too weak to bear;
The day's hard labor, night's dull care;
That to the faint He gives new hope,
Unto the young unfolds the scope
Of life adventurous and free
Beneath the greater liberty
Of ordered discipline and law;
Give thanks, too, for the holy awe
That strikes upon our hearts when He
Stands clear revealed in majesty
Of sea and mountain, night and day,
Of moon and stars upon their way;
Of gentle rain that gives new birth
To the green beauty of the earth;
Thank Him for thought and pulsing life,
For strength to meet each new day's strife,
For happiness, and even pain,
For love which weaves a golden chain
To bind us all to Him who gives
Himself unto each soul that lives;
Thank God for gifts both great and small,
Himself the greatest gift of all.

—Helen Wieand Cole.

He was not responsible for the world's coming to an end. That was too big a job for him to tamper with or worry about, but he was responsible to the state of Connecticut and to the people of whom he was a representative to see that the needed measure was made law. We have no eclipse of the sun to distress us; but it does seem that we are in the shadow of a social, religious, economic, and military upheaval. As a result many people are losing their balance or poise and have departed from sound, Christian, American judgment. One can hear the questions on every hand: What are we going to do about this terrible war which threatens our shores and our homes? How are we going to stand it, and what will

we do after it is over? etc. I am no far-sighted preacher. I know but little of politics. I am not at all acquainted with international complications; however, I attribute our involvement to a combination of events and circumstances absolutely beyond the control of our national leaders; on the other hand, I would consider it very dangerous to our liberty for them to become jittery or fearful. I certainly do admire that calm, solemn, but truly American way some of our statesmen are going about their jobs of harnessing our resources and mobilizing our forces for any emergency that might come, be it soon or late.

Just expressing my private opinion, it is wisdom for ordinary fellows like me to go on, act rational and attend to their own business in a spirit of confidence, and for Church of God people who are employed otherwise to look about their personal affairs, being thankful that they live in a country that provides protection, liberty, and the highest standard of living to be found under heaven, and to lead the kind of life Jesus Christ can approve, joining Him in the kind of prayer He prayed in Gethsemane, "Thy will be done."

As much as we hate war, we cannot stop it any more than the legislator could stop the eclipse of the sun. This war will not stop until certain men in high positions are stopped or decide (probably due to the chastisement of Almighty God) to end it.

A certain preacher let it be known that oftentimes he hung around his radio until two o'clock in the morning, trying to pick up at least a flash of news, expecting any moment to hear that America had entered into the war. All that time and nervous energy was worse than wasted. An earnest fervent prayer in faith, then good sound sleep in quietness and confidence, would have been a much better investment both for himself, his family, his people (whom God expects him to serve), and the country, which permits him to teach and live the full gospel life, unmolested but fully protected. It will be much better for all us ordinary people to stay by the stuff; refuse to neglect plain, everyday Christian duty; sit steady in the boat; trust in and pray for our national leaders; and if they cannot save this country from war, pray that they may manage and direct it so as to save our heritage with as little suffering and loss of life as possible.

There are certain types of calamity-howlers, who can see nothing save a destroyed America. (Thank God, they are not in power!) In their littleless, as they see it, the saving of this country is too big a job for us Americans. In their fear they have lost sight of their highest duty and are miserably failing to fulfill it.

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Bible Training School and College Echoes

A Thankful Heart for Bible School

This morning there are many things that I am thankful for, but there is one outstanding thing that I am thankful for and that is the Church of God Bible Training School.

The first term I attended Bible School the devil tempted me sorely and tried to make me doubt my experience with the Lord. He said there was no need of trying, but thank the Lord, when that term of school had expired, all of this feeling was gone. The Lord had helped me in such a wonderful way that all theimps of Satan could not make me doubt that I had God in my life. Thank the Lord for that term of school.

Bible Training School helped me to fully make up my mind that I was going to serve God the rest of my life and that is much to be thankful for. Though the world is in a turmoil and there is trouble on every hand for the wicked, those precious hours we spent in prayer and study in Bible School help us to stand for the Lord.

My heart is overflowing with thankfulness for a God-fearing, student-loving, problem-solving, faculty in Bible School. Brother Tharp, if I should say, Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your kindness and help to me, the rest of the days of my life, I could not thank you enough. Brother Walker, I thank the Lord for those times that you encouraged us to pray on, fight on and the Lord will help you, and that God bless you that you had in your handshake. Thank the Lord for the other members of the faculty that were so kind, reasonable and loving, always ready to help us and not too busy, however busy they might be, to stop and pray with us about any problem that was before us.

Let every boy and girl in the Church of God, on Thanksgiving Day, lift their hands and say, "Lord, we thank Thee that you have helped us to have a school where we can study, pray, consecrate and dedicate our lives to Thee."—George E. Brazell, Tennessee state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent.

My Testimony

This morning as I write, I feel the joy of the Lord bubbling over in my soul. I truly praise God for the privilege I have of being a student in B. T. S. and for the way He blesses us here. He certainly looks down from heaven and rains showers of blessings upon His children here, even in times of temptations and trials.

Yes, we have these in B. T. S., but what a joy to have two hundred students who are willing to share these with us at the throne of God until He hears our cries.

When I first planned to attend the Bible School, I never dreamed that I could love it as I do. I had heard the testimonies of ex-students as they expressed their love for the school; but with this in the background I wanted to come because I felt that it would be the Lord's will. I also felt that I needed this training to prepare and acquaint myself with the Word of God and things pertaining to His Word to be fully qualified for the work which He has called me to do.

Since coming, I have become greatly attached to the school. There is an atmosphere here that is inexplicable; words cannot express it, but whatever it is, it is wonderful. In order for one to know, he must come experience it for himself.

We have had some glorious times; even in our classes, there have been times when we assembled and the Lord came down in our midst with such power and sacredness that we gave way to Him and did not have the lesson. Just every school in the United States doesn't have prayer before each class and let the Holy Ghost know that He is welcome each hour of the day. It isn't every school that assembles for devotional services each morning and sings to the glory of God. I say that the Church of God Bible Training School is the best and most spiritual school in the world.—Ernest Angley, Gastonia, N. C.

No one who fails to fill the lower place successfully need look for promotion.

My View of the Church of God Junior College

We, the students of the Church of God Bible Training School and Junior College, have found it to be a place where young people from all walks of life may come to prepare themselves for more efficient service in the great kingdom of God. It is a place of prayer and spiritual freedom. The friendship of the students and the kind help of the teachers tend to promote the spirit of cooperation. We are so glad for the privilege of attending a school of this type and enjoying all these benefits.

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of the leaders of the Church of God in realizing the need of higher education for the young people of our Church. Their untiring efforts have not been in vain and this term marks the beginning of our Junior College. The curriculum offered is broad, and the instructors are giving of their best. As this is only the beginning, and God has placed His divine approval upon it, we have great expectations for the future Church of God Bible Training School and College.

As each day passes, we try to keep in mind this scripture: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15. Although we have not and cannot reach the state of perfection here, we are striving toward that goal, and hope to reach it after having been faithful unto death.—Lois Blanton, Largo, Florida.

Failure is never so bad as when the one who makes it thinks he has succeeded.



Reports of Revivals

MT. VALE, Tenn.—We are glad to report the wonderful revival at Mt. Vale. Saturday night, Oct. 18, it seemed just like a home-coming as our good brothers and many others were with us from North Carolina—Brothers Collier, Lawless, Holt, and Chitwood. Brother Chitwood brought the message. It made us all feel the nearing of the end more than ever. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way. A wonderful testimony service was conducted by Brother Collier. It made us all feel happy to see Brother Lawless shouting the victory again. We enjoyed their being with us.

We raised our aged ministers' quota that night. Pray much for us at Mt. Vale.—Viola Kimbrough, Rt. 1.

We just closed a good three weeks' revival at Manadier Ridge, Md. Many were blessed; good seed were sown. It closed with seekers at the altar. The people there are some of the best. The church gave us about \$55.00 in money and groceries. They have a fine pastor, Brother Jackson. They have some good singers and a good church. God surely met with us. There was the best conviction I ever witnessed throughout the revival.—Floyd A. Boger, district pastor, Westernport, Md.

WILSON, Ark.—We are glad we can truly say God has wonderfully blessed in a revival here in Wilson, Ark., conducted by Evangelist Mary Monroe, of Somerville, Tenn. She preached the Word. Two were saved, one sanctified, baptized in water and added to the church at Burdette, Ark. We appreciate Sister Monroe. Good interest was shown here and every one learned to love her.

Help me pray for my husband and son who are out of the ark of safety; also my dear old dad, that God will undertake in their lives and touch their hearts that they will repent and put on the whole armor of God so that we can all be together in that home Jesus has gone to prepare us.—Cynthia Wren.

CORBIN, Ky.—A most successful revival just closed here with Brother Thea Jones as the evangelist. It was wonderful to hear the soul-inspiring messages and each one seemed to bring us nearer heaven. There were sixty conversions, several filled with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water and fifteen added to the church. The church was wonderfully revived and blessed.

We appreciate Sister Jones' humble consecrated life. Pray for us to be a suc-

cess for God in this city.—Rolen and Ruth Dunn, Box 412.

We have just closed a two weeks' revival here at Shady Grove Church of God with Brother E. E. Coleman, our district overseer, and pastor of the Dunn, La., church, doing the preaching. The saints were wonderfully revived and the church greatly benefited in every way. We certainly have a community of fine people here and we are truly proud of our young. Many of them, of course, are not members of the church, but they are well wishers of the church and they prove it by their good spirit of cooperation in putting over the Y. P. E. or any other part of the Church program. The Lord is blessing here at Shady Grove and we are looking forward and hoping for a great year in His service. Pray for the work here and remember visitors are always welcome.—John C. Myrick, Rt. 2, Rayville, La.

LEACHVILLE, Ark.—I thank the Lord for the Church of God and the good revival which we have just closed with Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Smeltzer in charge. Brother Smeltzer is a real live wire evangelist and Sister Smeltzer is a good singer. Their preaching and singing have given the church here at Leachville great encouragement and inspiration to press on till Jesus comes. Praise God! The crowds grew until we had to build our church a fourth larger to take care of our week-end crowds. There were some twelve or fifteen saved, some filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church, with others to come in later.

Pray much for us here at Leachville, we need your prayers.—Floyd L. Ramsey, pastor.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—Rev. Finis J. Dake recently completed three weeks of lecturing at the Church of God in Greenville, S. C., from his large chart, "The Bible on Canvas." The lectures were soul-stirring and enlightening on many subjects, especially on prophecy. Many Bible truths which in the past had seemed somewhat mystifying were made plain and easy to understand by Brother Dake's frank and simple method of "taking the Bible just as it is." Our hearts were lifted up and we have a greater desire to read God's Word and become more like the early church.

Aside from his lectures, Brother and Sister Dake's singing proved a great in-

spiration to our meeting. They sang quite a few songs which were Sister Dake's own compositions, and, realizing the conditions and circumstances which surrounded her at the time she wrote these numbers, they certainly were enabled to place expression in their music.

Brother Dake is unquestionably a man of God, having spent over 50,000 hours (over seventeen years at eight hours per day) delving into the Truth, taking it in an unbiased manner and seeking to know only the esoteric Word of God. Any church desiring to know more about God and His plan for man's past and future state will certainly be fortunate in securing his services.—J. Newby Thompson, clerk, 87 Deering St.

ERWIN, Tenn.—We praise God for the revival which closed here October 22, lasting almost five weeks, closing with the Lord's supper and feet washing. The power fell nearly every night. The Lord surely blessed. Eight were saved, eight sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, four added to the church and four baptized in water. Sister Tillie Oxendine was in charge of the revival. She is our district Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent.

Every department of the church here is making good progress. We have one of the best pastors any church can have, Brother Homer Johnson. He surely stands behind this church in everything.—Mrs. Thomas Elliott, Rt. 1, Box 281.

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. — I want to tell the people everywhere about the good blessings of God and what He is doing at Sevierville. Sister J. D. Rhoden, of Florida, who is making her home here now and attending Bible Training School, conducted a two weeks' revival. Twenty-six were saved, eighteen sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. The revival closed October 12, but the good revival spirit is still here. The altar is full of seekers in every service. One young man received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in Sunday night service.—Lela Sims.

CARBON HILL, Ala.—I am pastoring at Carbon Hill this year and I have found some fine people here whom we appreciate. The Lord is surely blessing. We have just closed a ten nights' revival with Brother O. C. York doing the preaching. Four were filled with the Holy Ghost for which we thank the Lord. We appreciate having the good people from the other churches to help us and sing for us. Please pray for us that this will be our best year.—W. E. Crider, pastor.

News From the Various Mission Fields

A New Mission Work

The message of the Church of God bears fruit in another country, British Guiana, South America. One of our ministers, Brother C. A. Lewis, conducted a meeting last winter for a few months there and from it numbers of people have accepted and are enjoying this wonderful Pentecostal blessing and are applying to us now to be received into the Church. Pray especially for these people in that new territory for the Church of God. Brother Cecil Fitzgerald Babb is their pastor.

Letter From Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Brother Walker:

I received your letter, and I enjoyed very much to know that the Lord is blessing in a great way there and praise Him for His blessings.

Your letter was read to the congregation here, and the people had great joy and gave God thanks for the great things the Lord has done.

Here, too, the Lord is blessing us in a great way. Our church cannot hold all the people who come to our services. It is necessary that we begin to make ready to enlarge the building. May the Lord ever bless you.—Yours in Christ, Marco Mazzucco.

A Letter From Germany

Just a few lines to let you know we are well and still thinking of you all, because we haven't forgotten you. We haven't heard from you for two years, but be sure we still remain the same true friends as we ever were, and we love you all dearly and those you are acquainted with. We greet you with 2 Cor. 6:4-10, "But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

Soon the Assembly will begin. Some

folks would love to visit you. We hope the war soon will be over. We had a pretty good year. The weather was fair and the bees were busy bringing in the honey so we have much to be thankful for.

If we should never meet down here any more, we will meet in glory, bringing in the sheaves. The great Lord of harvest bless you all and those that know us, greetings. Sing the Battle Hymn in remembrance of us.—Your friends, Herman and Lydia Lauster.

Praise God! Our Brother and Sister Lauster in war-torn Europe still live. I know that you, too, will shed tears of joy when you read this letter.—J. H. Walker.

From the Northern West Indian Islands

To our great Church of God Family:

I had the privilege of visiting a few of our islands and held special chart serv-



ices with them. As far as I have gone there have been teeming crowds listening to the gospel. As a result one hundred and forty souls sought the Lord in the pardon of their sins, many sick ones got healed, and one received the blessed Holy Ghost. Glory!

Those who returned and those who sought the Lord for sanctification, we failed to count. To our God be the glory for so marvelously honoring His Word. These islands are badly in need of real

Spirit-filled men to preach the gospel.

I have been able to reorganize a small Pentecostal work in the city of St. Kitts. Since I left I got word that five souls sought the Lord. Hallelujah!

I have also got word from British Guiana, that the new small work over there, in charge of Brother C. B. Babb, is doing well. Pray for the work on these islands and for those who have recently sought the Lord.—Yours truly in this great fight, Charles A. Lewis.

News From Barbados

The northern district quarterly meeting took place on Sunday, October 5, and proved to be a time of great blessing. At 8:00 a.m. we gathered on the Brighton Beach for a baptismal service when fourteen followed their Lord in the waters of baptism, the overseer officiating.

At 10:30 a.m. happy crowds had gathered at the Eckstein church for the day's meeting which opened by a red hot praise service, and then a time of united prayer. Our overseer, J. B. Winter, gave a very interesting account of his trip to the United States, of the joy and pleasure it had been to him to attend the General Assembly, and of how he had been impressed with the real love, unity, and oneness of our noble army of ministers in the U.S.A. Following this we had very encouraging and helpful addresses from Evangelist R. B. Hawkins and Bishop C. N. Ford, and reports from the seven churches represented, showing that a real spirit of revival is much in evidence among our people and that as a result seventy-three souls have been led to our meetings in this district during the last three months.

Bishop Winter then gave a very helpful address from Exodus 14:15, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." We most earnestly urge the hearers to take up the work of the Sunday school as never before, seeking to impress upon all that the young people's work is among the most important department of the Church and should have our very best talent devoted to its service. His message was followed by consecration of many who sought help of the Lord to measure up to God's high standard, that He might use us as never before in His great harvest field. Dear ones, remember Barbados in your prayers.—Hilton Medford, deacon.

God's message is a message for the whole world, and the responsibility of carrying it rests on the whole church.

God's Power W. J. Head

You will find my text in Acts 1:18: *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."*

These are the words of Jesus just before His departure. If it had not been necessary for them to have power after receiving the Holy Ghost, Jesus would never have made this statement. When we begin to think about power we are thinking about something that has a great force. The Greek word for power is "dynamite." Dynamite makes great explosions. In my early life I followed mining and construction work. Of course we had to have a little power if we made success. When we loaded a hole, the more dynamite we put in the more power and great explosions we had. It would leave plenty of results to show it had power. You could feel the earth quiver, hear the sound of the blast and see the results. I believe we are standing in need of a shot of God's dynamite in the churches today, as they did on the day of Pentecost. It was through and by the power of God, Peter preached that great sermon on the day of Pentecost. Paul had power in preaching and praying for the sick. Power will draw people to the house of God when everything else fails. It was the power of God and the Holy Ghost that caused the people to be amazed at Pentecost. It was through the power of God and the Holy Ghost that the poor lame man walked, leaped, shouted and praised God. "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk," Acts 3:6.

Say, what's the matter today? Haven't we the same privilege to seek God and

see the wonderful and miraculous power of God work? Some think the days of miracles are over but, Brother, I want you to know that they are not over with God. God is just as powerful as He was in the apostolic age, but we have failed to tarry until we received the power sufficient to cast out devils, heal the sick, etc. Saville says power and liberty are like heat and moisture: where they are well mixed everything prospers; where they are single, they are destructive. Without the power of God we will never be able to accomplish that which we endeavor to do. We need to tarry for power from on high. The power of God is the source of the Christian's strength and power. David says in 2 Sam. 22:33, "God is my strength and power, and he maketh my way perfect." Ps. 68:35 says, "O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God." Jesus says in Matt. 21:22, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." When we go to the store, whatever we ask for, if they have it in stock, that's what we receive. So we must remember that God has in store great things for them that seek Him. Jesus says in Luke 12:31, "But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you." Of course Jesus was speaking concerning material things in this verse. If He is able to give us all things, surely He is able to give us power from on high. We have already begun fasting and praying that God's mighty hand will be with us and give us the greatest year the Church has ever had.

pray until you receive one." Surely if Sister Kluzit and others are willing to sacrifice their lives, we should be willing to liberally stand by them with our prayers, fastings and finances. Shame on the tightwads who grumble about giving fifty cents a year to missions, which is less than two mills a day. Why not eliminate our selfishness, increase our self-denial (liberality) and give God a chance to bless? "And by liberal things shall he stand."

I think of the old song entitled "Jesus Saves." It contains the command, "Bear the news to every land; climb the steepes and cross the waves; onward, 'tis our Lord's command. Jesus saves, Jesus saves." In war, the command, "Forward march," carries a colossal meaning. It may mean victory or defeat, life or death. The outcome of the march is uncertain. In our spiritual warfare there is a vast difference, in that the command "Forward march" is always accompanied with the promise of ultimate victory, if we continue to march forward. God help us in our missions, both home and foreign, to obey the Commander-in-chief's perpetual orders "Forward march." There are two two-lettered words that carry much force in the command of "Forward march." They are *go* and *lo*. He never says, "Go ye," unless He includes the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway."

There may be some who will say, "Why send money to foreign fields when we have heathen at home?" It may be true, conditions are such, but that does not erase the Lord's command of "Go ye into all the world." Neither does it mean that we neglect one branch of our mission work to help the other, but it does mean for us to do our best for both branches. If we do our best for home missions, we will not grumble about giving to foreign missions. The blessings we give to home missions will automatically inspire us to try to reach out over the world with the gospel message. We need to ask ourselves the question, "Are we doing our best for both home and foreign missions?" If the answer is negative, remember the positive command, "Forward march" or in Biblical terms, "Go ye."

Think of David Livingstone, the missionary explorer of Africa, and his self-sacrificial life (liberality). On his fiftyninth birthday he wrote in his journal: "I again dedicate my whole self to Thee. Accept me, and grant, O gracious Father, that ere this year is gone I may finish my task. In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen. So let it be.—David Livingstone."

Henry M. Stanley, the reporter sent to find Livingstone, lived with Livingstone four months and four days and could say of him, "I never found a fault in him." Stanley was converted through the life Livingstone lived before him. At his

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Missions Earl C. Golden

Text, Isa. 32:8, *"But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand."*

God through His liberality has given the Liberator that we might have liberty. Should we not as Christians, having obtained liberation, by doing liberal things send the gospel of liberty throughout the world? It is our Christian duty, "Go ye into all the world" (Mark 16:15) with the doctrine of pure religion (James 1:27).

One definition of "mission" is "persons sent to propagate religion." As there are so many false religions being prac-

ticed, the need has become greater for a general evangelistic campaign of pure religion. The Church of God has caught a vision of the great need of more evangelism and has launched a campaign to help meet this need. If we as ministers and members of the great Church of God will fulfill the evangelistic pledges we have made, I am sure the Lord will help us to realize a most favorable increase.

I was greatly impressed by a statement made by Sister Kluzit in the missionary service of our past General Assembly. The essence of the statement was this: "If you don't have a missionary spirit, fast and

◆ Thanksgiving and Praise ◆

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — I praise the Lord for what He is doing for us here in West Knoxville. Brother Clark is doing some good preaching and the people are encouraged. We had a wonderful time last night. The power of God falls almost every service. He is so good to us, bless His good name! I'm so glad I know Him this morning. While this old world is going to and fro we can have that sweet settled peace in our souls. It seems that the devil has tried me more this year than ever before, but I'm so glad God has given me grace to overcome this far. I want all the saints to please pray for my husband, father, brother and many other loved ones who don't know the Lord. Pray for me to be just what God would have me to be.—Mrs. Lena Byars, 933 5th Ave., S.

CARLSBAD, N. Mex.—I'm glad for victory in my soul; glad the blood of Christ has been applied to my heart and the good Holy Ghost fell on me one night while praying for my boy. While he was speaking in other tongues the Holy Ghost fell on me. Oh, the joy of it, unspeakable and full of glory. I have been serving God these past five years. I have so much for which to be thankful. God has been so good to me and my family. My husband lives a good, sanctified life; pray for him to get a desire for the Holy Ghost and receive it. I don't see anything to turn back to. He is my healer, my keeper, my all and all. I had a bad burning in my arms, bad kidneys and other illness, so one night laying the Evangel on me and praying for God to undertake He came on the scene in a mighty way and healed me.

I am glad we can call on our Savior and He can hear our cry and we can pray for one another and He will come to our rescue. I can feel the call of God for me to feed His sheep. I surely need your prayers as I want God to lead me all the way. Pray for the church and people away out here in the West. We need your prayers.—Mrs. Quincie Bural, Rt. 1, Box 420.

PLANT CITY, Fla.—I praise God because I am saved now, sanctified by His precious blood and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, according to Acts 2:4. Glory to God! I praise Him for His wonderful healing power. The Lord so wonderfully healed my body. I had something like neuritis in my left arm

and shoulder for seven years. It got so bad I couldn't do my housework. I could hardly comb my hair at times. It got to where it affected my heart badly. I was afraid to be left alone for fear my loved ones would find me dead. I told my husband he need not be surprised if he did. I kept thinking I would go to a doctor and be examined but a voice would say, "There is power in the blood of Jesus." I said, "Lord, live or die, I will trust you. If you see fit to heal me, all right, and if not, I am perfectly ready to go." Thank God. I knew something had to be done at once. I couldn't stand it much longer. God knows just when to come to our rescue. I am so glad we are serving a God who knows every care and just when to bless us. Praise His dear name. He has healed in our home so many times.

YOUR THANKSGIVING TEMPLE

Dorothy Dake

*Make of your heart a temple, I pray,
This glorious and lovely Thanksgiving Day;
And garnish its altar with beautiful tears
Just as the dawn of Thanksgiving appears.*

*Weep because gratefulness bubbling within,
Flows like a fountain your eyes to bedim;
And there 'neath a candle light's flickering glow,
The tears will be diamonds reflected below.*

*Burn in your temple the incense of praise;
For none are more generously blest in their days,
Than the people whose forefathers—pilgrims of yore,
Sincerely gave thanks when the harvest was o'er.*

*Build your heart's temple with music inside,
Make an organ to peal out the joy far and wide;
For Thanksgiving Day is our forefathers' choice
For a time to count blessings, to praise and rejoice.*

He supplies our every need. My baby is four years old. She really loves to trust God. She will say, "Mother, the Lord has healed me," and she really means it. I can never get through telling what the Lord means to me. It was on the night of October 2, 1941, that the Lord came to my rescue and healed my body. Praise God! I can never praise Him enough. Although we have our trials and tests here, He said through every temptation He would make a way of escape and I believe His Word right now.

I have a very special request and ask everyone who knows the worth of prayer to pray for my children and husband, that God will save them before it is too late. My husband is very dear to me but he is unsaved. I know God is able, and I am depending on Him for everything. I have a very dear old mother who is unsaved and I want a continued prayer for her that God might speak to her heart

and save her precious soul before it is too late. She lives a good moral life but it will take being born again to enter the pearly gates. She also has bad heart trouble, asthma and neuritis, so pray for God to heal her body and save her soul. I have one precious sister just gone on. She left a testimony that she was ready to go. Praise God. The Lord is so merciful to us. Pray that I will always be in the center of God's will. I want to see the end of a Christian life.—Maggie Mae Linton, 1409 N. Wheeler St.

Means All to Have Such a Great Savior

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I praise God this morning for this wonderful way of salvation. I praise Him because one day He looked down from glory and saw the wretched woman that I was, saved my soul and delivered me from this body of death. Praise His great name forever.

So many times when I was sick He healed me. So many times when I've been sad and lonely He was my joy and comfort and when I've been burdened He has never failed to help me carry the load. It means all to me to have such a great Savior.

I praise God because I am against sin and the devil in any form. I praise Him because I am determined in my heart by His help and grace to battle on for the cause of Christ and some day make heaven my home.

I praise the Lord for the Church of God and its teachings and count it a great honor to be one of its members, and God forbid that I would ever do anything to bring reproach on the Church or seek in any way to lower its sacred standards.

Pray for me that I will ever be true to the Lord, so that when my name is called in glory I'll be there.—Maude E. Wingate.

HARTWELL, Ga.—I promised the Lord I would tell the world of how He has healed in our home and I feel that one good way to do this is by writing to the Evangel, one of the best papers in the world.

I praise the Lord for His great healing and keeping power. The Lord has blessed in our home for the last few months in a marvelous way. Not long ago my sister's husband and their two little boys took sick with pneumonia. It seemed they, all three, would die. People came in to

see them from different parts of the country. Many made the expression, "They will soon be dead." Some said my brother-in-law was too good a man to lay there and die like that without a doctor. Others said they would send a doctor themselves if we would submit. One man, a leading merchant, said no one could have pneumonia, not have a doctor and live. But all that was said didn't discourage us. We said, "We will trust the Lord, live or die." We fasted and prayed, others prayed, too. After they recovered from pneumonia, all three of them took measles. Then we had another test but we held on to God's unchanging hand, who healeth all manner of diseases. He healed them of measles. They were soon out going to church. The oldest boy received the Holy Ghost while he was sick. The youngest little boy was never very strong in body and measles left him in a weak condition and his little body kept getting weaker. Still we were trusting the Lord. He told his daddy one day he had rather die than to have a doctor or take medicine. His daddy told him not to worry, he wouldn't have to have a doctor or medicine. So one night, about ten o'clock, he fell asleep in Jesus, seemingly without a pain or struggle. He trusted the Lord until the end came. Oh, praise the Lord! What a victorious death! He had faith as Job, "Though you slay me, yet will I trust you."

After we buried him the devil was working hard and we didn't know how we would have to suffer for it, but we said we could go to jail, and rather go than compromise. But the Lord has taken care of us so far, for which we praise Him. We miss him so much in the home but we are expecting to see him again. It is so sweet to die in the faith, trusting God until the end. I feel if we preached and practiced divine healing more, it wouldn't be so hard on those who do trust the Lord. The provision has been made for the healing of our bodies the same as the saving of our souls. I've never made a vow that I wouldn't ever take any more medicine, but as long as I have faith as I now have I believe I can trust the Lord to the end. May God help us as ministers to preach and practice divine healing more than ever before.—Evangelist Myrtle Whitehead.

MAYO, Fla.—I praise God for His goodness to my family and for His love that reached my heart one day and caused me to see myself as He saw me—lost and undone. But praise be to Jesus, I accepted that precious love and now I am a new creature in Christ Jesus. That was twenty years ago and today finds me still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire, wanting to do

my little bit for Him.

I promised God just a few nights ago when my babies were sick with colds and coughing until they couldn't sleep, neither could I, that if He would rebuke it in Jesus' name I would testify of it and the coughing ceased and they went to sleep.

My oldest daughter and I are the only ones in the home with salvation. Please pray for my unsaved loved ones, that they will seek God and be saved before it is too late. We are wholly trusting God for our healing. There hasn't been any medicine given in our home in twenty years and God has healed every disease that has come our way. Please pray for me that I will be faithful the last mile of the way.—Katie Hewitt, Rt. 2, Box 119.

FROSTPROOF, Fla.—Truly I praise the Lord for the wonderful way He has touched my foot which has given me some severe trouble for the past two weeks. A mosquito bit me and I scratched it and my finger nail poisoned it. It became infected and I almost had blood poison. My friends tried to get me to go to the hospital but I wouldn't do that; I just trusted the Lord. He is my helper; He never has failed to answer my prayers. Bless His good name. He always heals my children and me, and has supplied our every need ever since my husband died. I have never asked Him for anything but what He gave it to me. He didn't promise to give us what we wanted but He said He would save us from every sin and heal us of every disease and supply our every need, and His promises are as sure as the wind that blows. He said to keep His commandments and do His will and if His Spirit abides in us and we in Him, we could ask whatsoever we may and should have it. Glory to God! Also, He said by our faith are we made whole; if we just had the faith as a grain of mustard seed we could move mountains. The minute we ask God He hears and the minute we believe then the work is done and we have to exercise our faith. He expects us to do that or our prayer is in vain. Please pray that I will fully step out on God's promises and do His will.

I truly thank God because He will not let me do wrong and get by. He saved me when I was seven years old. I never had anyone to tell me the right way. I had no one to talk to me about Jesus, but, thank God, God knew about me. He knew my heart and I am so glad tonight because He did. Glory to God! Never will I forget how He filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. He began telling me and showing me I must have the Holy Ghost and showed me to go to the Church of God, and I did, but it wasn't one word the preacher said, and

it wasn't one word in a song that was sung that took me to the altar; no, but it was the Spirit of God that showed me to go and He would fill me with the Holy Ghost and He did. God has wonderfully proved Himself to me—not in a vision or in a dream but in the Spirit. Bless His good name. He is so merciful and full of love.

Please pray that God will apply the blood of Jesus strong enough to take the remembrance of some trials and temptations completely off my mind and that I will forgive and forget.—Blanche Walden.

SANFORD, Fla.—We wish to sound a note of praise through the columns of the Evangel for the many good things the Lord is doing for us. The Orlando district fellowship meeting convened here in Sanford October 6. The large building was filled to its capacity and the Lord certainly was with us. The congregational singing was enjoyed by all, also the special singing by the various quartets was enjoyable. After this we heard a wonderful message on "Opportunity" by Brother R. R. Holland, pastor of Cocoa, Florida. This was a great soul-stirring message and surely we all see the need of taking advantage of every opportunity to work for God. A mission offering for \$10.15 was taken as an offering to the district convention. We have a loyal group of pastors on the Orlando district and we thank the Lord for our district overseer, Brother Paul Taylor. We are looking forward to the greatest revival that has ever been known on this district, and the pastors of the eleven churches that are on the district seem to be aflame with the fire of the Holy Ghost to work for the spiritual part of the Church of God. The Lord is able to do great things for us. Pray for the work here at Sanford for the harvest certainly is white and we have much to do.—C. D. Harris, 4th and Holly Ave., Sanford, Florida.

In Need of a Church

Dear Friends everywhere, I am glad to report victory in my soul.

I am still praying to God to give us a church in Northern California. I ask every Church of God member everywhere to pray a special prayer for God to give us a church here. We are like sheep without a shepherd, so pray for us.—Mrs. Mae Johnson, Gen. Del., Dorris, Calif.

MARSHALL, Tex.—We praise God for this glorious salvation. I want the saints to pray for us as there isn't a Church of God close to attend. God has been so good to us. The Evangel has been a blessing. Pray for us.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woodall, Rt. 2.

Question Box

The Editor

Question: Will you please give an answer to Dan. 12:11? Please tell us what this verse means.—Mrs. M. B.

Answer: This verse of scripture cannot be understood singularly. Three periods of days date from the abomination; that is, the blasphemous assumption of deity by the beast, for it is the beast that is referred to in verse 11 as "the abomination that maketh desolate." Read Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4. Twelve hundred and sixty days are given to the destruction of the beast. Read Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 13:5. This is also the duration of the great tribulation as is shown by a comparison of Dan. 12:4. Dating from the same event is a period of 1,290 days, an addition of thirty days. Dan. 12:11. Again forty-five days are added and with them the promise of verse 12. No account is directly given of that which occupies the interval of seventy-five days between the end of the tribulation and the full blessing of verse 12. It is suggested that the explanation may be found in the prophetic descriptions of events following the battle of Armageddon. See Rev. 16:14; 19:21. The beast is destroyed and the Gentile world dominion is ended by the smiting of the stone cut out without hands at the end of the 1,260 days, but the scene is, so to speak, filled with the debris of the image which the wind must carry away before full blessings come. Read Dan. 2:35. This is the last in the 70 weeks of Daniel. Dan. 9:24.

Question: Is it reasonable that we accept a fact when we cannot understand it? Please give answer in Question Box.—E. N. C.

Answer: Yes, we accept things every day that we do not understand. We cannot understand how that three kinds of vegetables can be planted in the same kind of ground and one takes out sugar, another quinine, and another acids, yet we know this to be true. Perhaps there is no man living who understands thoroughly the workings of electricity and yet every day we use it for cooking, for heating, for power, and for lights. The very thought of an all-wise God who is the Creator of all things is too great for man to understand. The doctrine of God and His salvation appeals to man through the channel of faith. It was once said of Abraham Lincoln that he was found reading his Bible, and when a visitor said, "And you, do you believe in that book?" Mr. Lincoln replied, "Yes, I be-

lieve in this book." "But I don't," said the other, "because I can't reason it out." "Well," said Mr. Lincoln, "I find that if I'll take all of this Book I can on reason and the rest by faith, I will live and die a better man." There are many things in the Bible that one might not understand thoroughly, yet we may have that faith to believe every word in it as an inspired record given us by God.

Question: In the first chapter of James it speaks of a double-minded man, and says, "Let not this man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord." Now when I meditate upon God's Word and other spiritual matters, the enemy tries to bluff me by telling me that I am double-minded, so I guess the question is, Is meditation and being double-minded the same thing? or do they have separate meanings?—H. V. C.

Answer: There is certainly a difference in being double-minded and in meditating upon God and His goodness. It is true that the enemy will take advantage of the mind at any time that he can, and it is his business to work on the mind of man, but James, in the first chapter of his writings, is teaching the power of faith through concentration or as he said, "Let him ask in faith nothing wavering." In order for man to receive from God through faith, he must have his faith placed implicitly in God for that thing which he desires and for which he asks; his faith in Him for keeping him as His child; his faith in God which causes him to consecrate his life and concentrate his efforts on the service of God. The double-minded man would be the man whose mind is divided between serving God and serving the world, or as to whether he will or will not receive anything from God. He believes part of the time and part of the time he doesn't believe. Such a man doesn't get anything either out of the world or out of religion. It would be better for him if he were either one way or the other. Possibly you will remember the words to the Laodicean church. Rev. 3:15, "I would thou wert cold or hot; so then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth." The next verse shows that the Laodicean church was worldly and instead of having their minds on God, they were contaminated with their riches. Genuine service to God calls for first place in our lives and for a life consecrated to God and separated from the world.

Question: Will you please explain in the Evangel what the 15th chapter and 29th verse of 1 Corinthians means? Some explain this one way and some another. Just what is right?—S. M. S.

Answer: Let us read the verse: "Else

what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?" The 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians is known as the resurrection chapter, so then the writer is writing to prove the error of the Sadducean theory that there is no resurrection. In verse 13 he says, "If there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen." Then the text, "What shall we do who were baptized for the dead if the dead rise not?" This is to prove that Christianity is dead unless there is a resurrection. We believe in the resurrection and are baptized for Christ who was crucified, but who rose from the dead, thus Christianity lives because Christ lives.

The Lord Is Our Healer

WINDSOR, Ont., Canada—Dear Saints in Christ, I feel led by the Spirit to write a few words of praise to your worthy paper for my mother-in-law. She was seventy-eight years of age this October. I praise the Lord for His many blessings and tender mercies to her. She was saved in a Pentecostal church four years ago and is still praising and trusting in the Lord as her healer. For the past few months she has been suffering with high blood pressure and arthritis. The doctor said her heart was weakening. We thought we were going to lose her and as there is no Church of God in Toronto, Canada, where she lives, and the nearest Pentecostal church is five miles, she had no one to pray for her and to anoint her, so I, being a member of the Church of God at Windsor, Canada, requested prayer for her. She was suffering greatly. After continual prayer the Lord wonderfully touched and healed her. She is now well and going around again. How she praises His sweet name.

I also give God all the glory for His wonderful healing power and for healing my mother-in-law. She has been troubled with eczema for sixty years. After constant prayer the Lord has healed her until there is not a trace of it, praise God, something no doctor or ointment could do. I praise God and give Him all the glory for all He has done for my mother-in-law. Jesus never fails.

Please pray for more Churches of God in Canada.—J. Windley, 1853 St. Luke Rd., Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Revival

HUBBALL, W. Va.—We just closed a five weeks' revival with Miss Daisy Nance in charge. Nine were saved, five sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, and six added to the church, for which we thank the Lord. — Mrs. Dora Ferrell, clerk, Branchland, W. Va.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Notes From My Letters . . .

"I have just returned home from my trip to the Northern peninsula which was more than 1,500 miles. This was all new fields. I organized a new church at Muskegon, Michigan, on October 21. May the divine guiding hand be with you in the business affairs this year.—Yours in his service, E. O. Kerce."

Brother W. J. Milligan, overseer of Kentucky, writes: "Brother J. L. Holman, pastor at Blue Diamond, reported that he had sent seventy-six new subscriptions for the Evangel. Brother Stanley reported that he had sent in twelve new subscriptions. A good revival has been conducted at Corbin, Kentucky, and thirty-five have been converted. The revival at Somerset is still good, with numbers of souls blessed and eleven accepted into the Church."

Good Outlook for Louisiana

I received a letter this morning from Brother W. C. Byrd, overseer of Louisiana, which I give in part:

"Dear Brother Walker:

"The Lord bless you. Have just finished my morning prayer and feel unusually well. Of course I felt good before I prayed but a good prayer helps my feelings considerably. Then, too, our ministers' meeting yesterday was such a glorious success. That is another thing that makes me feel good. Did you ever want something to go over real good, having had no experience in it before, and then it goes even beyond your greatest expectations? Well, you know just how I feel as I type these lines, for our ministers' meeting was just that kind of an experience for me. I have good news to bring and this is why I sing. Glory!

"By now you have our telegram that our aged ministers' quota has gone over the top. Some of the churches went beyond this. Jena raised an amount almost doubling their quota.

Then, too, I have a far better corps of preachers in Louisiana this year than has been here before. That is the way I feel; whether it is so, others know more about it I guess.

"We have on a good building program in the state now. If it keeps up, we shall have a great year in this line. They are building a new church at Covington and Willards Lake, and Brother Nolen is enlarging the West Monroe church to about twice the size it was. I have been helping him some on it. Brother McCartney told me yesterday that they had raised over two hundred dollars in the last two weeks to begin a new building

J. H. Walker

General Overseer

at Epps, so I told him, when he asked me if he would build a new church would I conduct him a revival, that I would conduct the first revival in his new church. Sister Lofton has begun a new work at Dartigo, a country place. They are beginning a new building this morning, I guess. They bought a parsonage at Archibald week before last. I am going to Olla this week end and help the pastor get started on a parsonage there. Will be there next week giving him all the help I can.

"Pray for us. We hope to make good for the Church and the Lord. Wishing you great success, I am yours in His service, W. C. Byrd."

Good News

Brother W. J. Milligan, overseer of Kentucky, reports a good revival at Somerset, Kentucky, conducted by Sister Bessie Jones, and that on Sunday night there were three converted and one filled with the Holy Ghost, on Monday two converted and one filled with the Holy Ghost, on Tuesday night three sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. He reports further, several other good revivals progressing in the state.

"We have a new Evangel program for the year, and I think you can look for us to be on the first line this time. One pastor sent in seventeen subscriptions this week. We are planning to dispose of 5,000 Lighted Pathways in December. Well, we may fail, but one thing we will say, we will fall with our faces toward this program. Pray for us in Texas.—Fraternally, T. W. Godwin."

"Sister Jones, Knoxville, Tennessee, is having a wonderful revival here in Somerset. Twelve or fifteen have received the Holy Ghost and a number have been saved. The altar is filled each night with seekers. We have some other good revivals going in Kentucky at this time.—W. J. Milligan, overseer of Kentucky."

Good News From My Letters

"Just received good news from the pastor of Fifth Avenue Church, Chicago, telling of the good meeting last Sunday night—house full and the altar full. The offering for the building fund last Sunday night was \$169.00, making a total of \$400.00 in one month. Everything is looking good throughout the

state for a good year.—H. O. Harris, overseer of Illinois."

"Thought I would write you and let you know that we had a most glorious ministers' meeting. Everything went so smoothly that we are at a loss to try to relate the unity, glory and victory that is ours. It was freely said that 'it could not be better.' Last Friday night an opportunity was given to give and pledge on this Bible School project—glory!—we received \$837.39, and now we have the impressive total of \$950.39. When you come to preach the commencement sermon you will be expected to preach a dedicatory sermon, as we expect to have it fully paid for.—Sincerely yours, Glyn-don Logsdon."

My Sermonette

FLORENCE SCHUMAKER

"Look unto me, and be ye saved,"

Numbers 45:22.

Salvation from a look! What could be easier or more wonderful than by a mere look we can be saved. But, on the other hand only a single look can also mean our eternal damnation. Consider Lot's wife, who by looking backward at Sodom was deprived of life—by a single look. Lot's wife had looked toward safety; she transferred her gaze for a single instant. She did not turn backward, she only cast a backward glance. "No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9: 62. "Look unto me and be ye saved." Even as the serpent's sting was cured in the wilderness by a single look, so may the old serpent's sting in us be removed forever by looking unto Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith." "Who, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Heb. 12:2. And as I looked at the cross, even as Pilgrim, my huge burden of sin suddenly loosed itself, and I was free! I saw the blood that was shed for me.

I saw the blood, there at Calvary.

I saw the blood, oh, how can it be?

Yet this I know, that now I am free!

Saved by a look means not only saved from sin now, but looking for that "blessed hope"; we know the hour is fast approaching. This "looking" keeps us pure even as He is pure. Just as we look down a long railroad track in great expectancy as the hour for the train's arrival draws near and finally a faint whistle reaches our waiting ears. Then nearer and nearer comes the sound until with a

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Requests

For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf.

Pray For

The healing of my baby.—R. L. Mosley, Rt. 2, Rayville, La.

The healing of Mrs. Peters, she has been sick a long time and the doctor said her days are short; her husband and children; my husband to be completely healed. About two years ago he was operated on and the doctor had to take one of his kidneys out. Pray that he will be strong again and that the Lord will supply our needs.—Sister Noah Allen, Rt. 3, Box 77, Boone Mill, Va.

The complete healing of my body. The Lord has healed me of one ailment so pray that He will heal me of all; my little girl to be healed of a bad stomach; my little boy to be healed, he has something wrong with his throat and head.—Mrs. Junie Clemons, Rt. 1, Baxter, Tenn.

Urgent unspoken request.—One in distress, Lulu, Fla.

The healing of my body of high blood pressure.—Mrs. Lucindy Searles, Immokalee, Fla.

Me to be healed of a severe pain in my right side and stomach and of a goitre on my throat; my feet to be healed; my mother to be healed.—Mrs. Walter Baughan, Talking Rock, Ga.

The healing of my baby who is in the hospital. It is six months old and has had blood transfusions, X-rays and everything the doctor can do has been done, but they say the opening in her stomach is too small for her to get enough food to live on, so she is just getting weaker day by day. I know God is able to heal. Please get hold of God soon as she can't last much longer unless He undertakes.—Mrs. John A. West, 2901 Franklin Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.

God to undertake for my home, my

children and me.—Mrs. Florence Mikell, Rt. 2, Hixson, Tenn.

The healing of my little boy, he is sick most of the time. He has something wrong with his stomach and bowels, also has adenoids and smothers and his nose bleeds. I know God can heal. The healing of my body; my daughter to be healed of a sore leg.—Mrs. O. H. Howe, Roslin, Tenn.

The healing of my broken leg; the healing of my body and soul.—Hoke Eller, Titus, Ga.

The healing of my grandchild who is very sick with an abscess of the brain.—Ella Mae Garrett, Titus, Ga.

The healing of my body, I have a rash on my body and am in a critical condition. I am pastor of the church at West Helena, Ark.—Rev. William Roberson, 222 N. Second St., West Helena, Ark.

Me to be healed of sinus trouble and several other ailments; three of my children to be healed; God to undertake in my home and for my wicked husband.—A sister in Christ, Bonne Terre, Mo.

The healing of my body and that I will receive the baptism. My husband is a minister of another denomination so he is bitter against my receiving the baptism. I need encouragement, faith and prayer that I will receive the baptism and that my companion will see the light on Bible holiness and accept it.—Mrs. J. A. Staggs, Box 190, Somerset, Ky.

My husband to be healed of a tumor on his face; the healing of my stomach.—Mrs. Lena B. McCallie, Rt. 5, Winchester, Tenn.

The healing of my body, I am having some blood boils and have a very bad rupture. I know God can heal.—Martin L. Easter, 2401 4th Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.

The healing of my mother's body; my baby to be healed of bronchial trouble.—Ozell Johns, Attalla, Ala.

The healing of my body, my lungs are bothering me; Sister Sparks to be healed.—Sister Willie Lowyers, Rt. 2, c/o Tinker Store, Kennett, Mo.

Me to be healed of a trouble in my side and back.—Grace Pearson, Quitaque, Tex.

The healing of Rev. V. R. Ledbetter who was in a car wreck and was injured. The Lord wonderfully touched him and he was able to sit in a wheel chair and was at home but he took a cold and it seems to have settled in his back and he went back to the hospital.—D. O. Wright, Crystal City, Mo.

My little daughter who has been very sick to be healed; my husband to be healed, he has something wrong with his stomach.—Mrs. G. R. Spurlock, Avon Park, Fla.

My oldest son to be healed of a hacking cough.—Mrs. Oney Bohon, St. George, W. Va.

The healing of Brother Lawson Culpepper who is suffering with Bright's disease.—H. P. Williams, Lake Park, Ga.

The healing of my baby.—Rev. J. C. Pinion, Coal City, W. Va.

The healing of my body, I have a hurting in my side, shoulder and neck.—Adam Lancaster, White Side, Tenn.

The healing of my son who was in a automobile wreck and is in a serious condition with his legs, bowels and kidneys paralyzed, also internal injuries and possible head and spinal injury. The doctors say he may be unable to use his legs as he used to but God answers prayer and can heal. Also pray that he will get salvation, as he has promised, and live for the Lord. He has been praying today.—John R. Shirley, Lupton City, Tenn.

My son to be healed of sugar diabetes; the healing of my body.—Mrs. A. R. Adams, Cooper, Ala.

The healing of our son of something like paralysis in his legs.—Mrs. Owen Leigh, New Port Richey, Fla.

My daughter, Mrs. Velma Crocker, to be healed of kidney stones.—Mrs. J. B. Greenlee, Rt. 1, Shaw, Miss.

God to help me, my burdens are greater than I can bear.—A sister in Christ, Belva, W. Va.

God to undertake in our home.—Mrs. Dorothy Heath, Gen. Del., Talladega, Ala.

The healing of my stomach and side.—Brother Clifton Buckler, Rt. 2, Carlisle, Ky.

The healing of my body, the doctor says I have something like gall bladder

trouble.—A sister in Christ, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

—R—
Mrs. Edd Akins, Greenwood, Del., to be healed, she is seriously ill.—A friend, Tellico Plains, Tenn.

—R—
The healing of my husband and baby, they are sick most of the time.—Mrs. Melvin Early, Rt. 1, Dora, Ala.

—R—
Me to be healed of stomach trouble; Gladys McCollum to be healed of a nerve trouble.—Miss Mae Vanderford, Box 234, Lockhart, S. C.

—R—
The healing of my body, I have a goitre.—Mrs. R. T. Christie, Rt. 3, Valdosta, Ga.

—R—
My daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Johnston, who will be operated on Nov. 10.—Mrs. Jane McCoy, 211 Short St., Williamson, W. Va.

—R—
Me to be completely healed; my husband to be healed of carbuncles.—Bessie Lawson, Ringgold, Ga.

—R—
The healing of Dewitt Caylor who is suffering from an operation and rheumatism, also that he may be saved.—A friend, Dalton, Ga.

Delkograms

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John 14:30. BE WISE AND SAFE: FOLLOW JESUS.

Idleness invites the devil's wedge. Idle brains are the devil's workhouses. Idle folks are the devil's playfellows. Idleness and LUST are twins. Idleness is an easy way to labor for the devil. A Sunday school teacher asked the question, "What is an idol?" Immediately one little boy said, "Daddy is one (idle)."

Don't let anything come between you and Christ. I heard a sister in her testimony say, "Anywhere I go, if I can't take Jesus with me, I WILL STAY AT HOME WITH HIM." Such wisdom is from above. If you open the door for a little vice, a big one will enter. DON'T TRADE CERTAINTY FOR HOPE.

Lust is another wedge Satan has busy. "Man is tempted when he is drawn away of HIS OWN LUST." I think it's folly to reach out like a monkey reaching through the bars for a peanut, for more than we need. GIVE NO PLACE TO THE DEVIL TO BEGIN HIS WEDGE.

Editorially Speaking

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we are lacking in the material things and God has blessed us with a mind to work and we put that to work for Him, all else fades into insignificance and we can celebrate a Thanksgiving Day every day.

A Thanksgiving Message

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husking bees, the spelling matches, their haying days, their barn-raising, and their wolf drives. Those were great days when men worked together, dropping in and building a man a barn in a few hours, all working together. Over at the neighbor's farm they would roll the logs and pile them up and burn them and clear off the land. Some of these old customs are still traveling today in parts of our country, but they are almost all gone now. It is done on such a larger scale, but that spirit of cooperative laboring together is still prevalent. Never have I realized this more than now when I look about and see how our entire nation is working together in one great defense program. Some complain, some grouch because they have to submit. Some business men will lose out entirely, possibly. It is always sad when we think of the sacrifice that goes so far until men go down under its weight, yet we have a common interest, a common concern, and we find our people almost without exception portraying that great spirit of cooperation, exemplified by our forefathers in the early colonies. Oh, yes, we are thankful! For what? Surely for our homes, our schools, friends, books, music, art, food, drink, life itself, that breathing experience between birth and the grave. Most of all, we thank our God for religious freedom and an opportunity to praise Him in the midst of this wicked and perverse world. My heart has been heavily burdened because of our people who are denied the opportunity to worship Him outwardly and yet no man's decree can ever sever our relationship with God.

Our ministers in Germany, who, though they must write in paraphrase, glorify and praise God, for they still have the victory. When I think of the cruel, merciless, revengeful heart of a dictator, who surely could not venture to attempt to give God praise on a Thanksgiving Day, I am reminded of a poem, entitled, "Thanksgiving for a National Victory," by Robert Burns:

*"Ye hypocrites! are these your pranks?
To murder men and give God thanks.
Desist for shame—proceed no further.
God won't accept your thanks for
murder (murder)."*

Recently in one of our Southern cities I saw a placard on which was written the words, "Let Freedom Swing." Sad, indeed, too many have already swung away from God. America! You need to erect an old-fashioned altar, rededicate yourself as our forefathers did, and you, too, can have a real Thanksgiving Day.

"Offer unto God thanksgiving."

He who grows up and does not grow down will soon topple over.

Thankful Amid the Gloom

Mrs. Viola Bunker

We're thankful, Lord, to trust you now;
The future may be drear,
But, oh, the joy just for to know
In sorrow Thou art near.

The future holds the things unseen
That often break our heart,
But oh, the joy to know from Thee
We never have to part.

Although we cannot see the way,
Your grace won't be denied;
And as we falter we can pray
And keep close by your side.

We know that we a promise have,
No other friend has given,
That sorrows, cares, and trials are o'er
In that bright home in heaven.

For in that land so bright and fair
There is no grief and woe,
But all is brighter than the sun
For saints from here below.

We're only pilgrims here below
And in a weary land;
The future there no secrets holds
For we shall understand.

So let us press the journey on
Until we hear His call,
Then we shall know as we are known
As God reveals it all.

DEATHS

WOODLE

Little Mary Laverne Woodle, daughter of Brother and Sister Luther Woodle, both faithful members of the Church of God, departed this life Oct. 28, 1941, to be with Jesus; age five years.—Their pastor, Paul Yates, Palatka, Fla.

TAYLOR

Baby Carlton Edward Taylor, our darling infant, was born April 12, 1941, and departed this life Aug. 9, 1941; age four months.—His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Taylor, 1800 30th Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala.

RAWLINS

Ora Leo Rawlins departed this life Sept. 14, 1941; age six months.—Rev. John Newton, pastor, Somerset, Ky.

HALL

Gloria Marie Hall departed this life Oct. 21, 1941; age four months.—Rev. John Newton, Somerset, Ky.

ELLINGTON

Sister Sue Ellington, loyal member of the Church of God for more than twelve years, departed this life Oct. 26, 1941. Our prayers and sympathy are with the family.—Katherine Payton, clerk, Coalmont, Ind.

My Sermonette

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thundering roar, and a trembling of the earth, the expected train dashes into view, and our vigil is rewarded. So we dare not leave the narrow way for an instant as the hour is certainly approaching. "For to as many as look for him, shall he appear the second time without sin, unto salvation."

*"If you from sin are longing to be free,
Look to the Lamb of God;
He, to redeem you, died on Calvary,
Look to the Lamb of God."*

—James M. Black.

Missions

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death Livingstone was found by his black servants at four o'clock in the morning upon his knees at his bedside, his candle still burning. His sufferings had vanished and he had gone home to be with Jesus. Livingstone's heart was buried in Africa. His body was carried to England and with much ceremony was laid to rest in Westminster Abbey.

Today we need more Livingstones to go, also more living stones (lively stones) to send them, and together put over the mission program of the Church in a greater sphere. If we are yielded lively stones for God's use, He knows and will use us where we will best fit in building up His great mission cause.

In conclusion, 1 Cor. 3:9, "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Thanksgiving

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Therefore their time and energy are lost or wasted, for they are not willing to settle down in quiet discharge of important though perhaps simple duties which they could handle.

We have no ability or desire to shape the policies of the governments in Washington, London, Moscow, Tokyo, or Berlin; but we can be the right kind of God-fearing, grateful, Christian citizens, right here or there, wherever we live under the Stars and Stripes, performing the simple, commonplace, yet important duties that are ours.

Worry and complaining have no rightful place in our ranks, and we should not allow our hearts to be troubled because of things beyond our control, but rather

give our lives to thanksgiving and prayer. In Lamentations 3:22, 39 we read, "It is the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed. Wherefore should a living man complain." Let us ordinary folk think of the people in Europe as at precisely zero and then reckon every degree ascending from their deplorable condition to ours of health, peace, and plenty as an occasion for thanksgiving. At every step we take and every blessing we enjoy we are conscious of our utter unworthiness. Why should a living one of us complain? It is because of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed. When we think of our hardships or immediate dangers, we are yet far above the extreme point of the poor unfortunate Chinaman Frenchman, or many other of earth's people.

It is a grand and glorious privilege to live as we are permitted to live. What a life of liberty and happiness is ours, made possible by the Giver of all good gifts! Stop, complainer, and think. What a life this is to live in America, to have a clear conscience, to think, to have our problems solved, to read and reverently turn the pages of the Bible, to look at nature that reveals God, then to know that even this is not all of life, but that beyond and above this span is a brighter and better place where immortal glory is never veiled and the immortal world never ceases, to think that the earnest of this life here will burst forth in all of its fullness! Shall we not ever more give thanks?

It is said that in Africa there is a fruit called the tasteberry, because it changes a person's taste so that even several hours after the berry is eaten, other food tastes sweet and delicious. Gratitude is the best tasteberry for the ordinary American Christian. When our hearts are filled with gratitude, nothing that God allows to come upon us will cause us to murmur, fear, or complain. Oh, sorrowing heart, sweeten your grief with gratitude; burdened soul, lighten that burden by singing God's praise; disappointed one, make that disappointment His appointment by entering into thy closet and talking it over with Him.

At this time, when we seem to be so seriously threatened with an indescribable eclipse and shadows are falling heavily and ever nearer, may we all call for the candles; namely, grace and truth, meekly take the steps of true Christians and loyal citizens and follow in the way that duty points, having in our hearts that tasteberry of gratitude.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endureth forever.

The Lord Knows How to Get Us to Fully Trust Him

BRIDGEPORT, Ill.—I feel impressed this morning to give my testimony to the pages of the Evangel. Perhaps it will prove a blessing to someone in need of help.

I do praise the Lord most earnestly for His healing power, because if He hadn't seen fit to touch my body I know I wouldn't be here today. For six long years I was afflicted, was told repeatedly that I would have to have an operation. I went again to the doctor. He told me this time that unless I went to a hospital as soon as I could I would probably not be here by Monday. That was Friday. I finally did consent to go, but the hand of the Lord was in it because they wouldn't operate just then. Someone's prayer had reached the throne of grace and the Lord had undertaken. I suffered intensely and finally after three months of intense suffering I began taking electric treatments and was told I would have to put up a hard fight if I was any better. But God came on the scene and did the work man had failed in. Praise His name! His power is all sufficient.

During all this time I kept trying to work for the Lord though at times I could hardly stand and often I would have to quit playing the piano in the midst of a song service because I couldn't go any farther. The night God touched my body Satan tried his best to hinder the prayers of the Lord's children from ascending the throne of grace. Our pastor, Sister Berger, called us all to the altar of prayer, after the altar call was given, but no one prayed through; it seemed the heavens were brass. It seemed the burden of my heart was for a touch of the mighty healing power of our Lord. I kept praying and the Lord must have told her what I was pleading for because she came over, laid her hands on me and the Holy Ghost took charge and I was healed. Thank the Lord. Oh praise His name! It was said afterward that the old and young danced together in the Lord and we had a marvelous outpouring of His great blessings.

All my praise is to the Lord, and thanks to all those who offered up a prayer in my behalf during that trying time of my affliction. I have had many hard tests along that line since the night the Lord touched my body but I have remained steadfast. Pray that I may ever stay in the center of His will and trust Him to the end because I know now His power is all sufficient.—Miss Jennivee Gehret.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me.